

held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for Representative in Congress from the Twelfth Congressional District of North Carolina show, that Alma Adams received 126,766 votes or 75.41% of the total number of votes cast for that office. Provisional ballots have not been counted.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Alma Adams was elected as Representative in Congress from the Twelfth Congressional District of North Carolina.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

KIM STRACH,
Executive Director.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 5, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Edgardo Cortés, Commissioner, Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 4, 2014, the Honorable Dave A. Brat was elected Representative to Congress for the Seventh Congressional District, Commonwealth of Virginia.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS,
Richmond, VA, November 5, 2014.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk, House of Representatives, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for Representative in Congress from the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia, show that Dave A. Brat received 148,710 or 61.8% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Dave A. Brat was elected as Representative in Congress from the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all ten of the Virginia jurisdictions involved in the Seventh Congressional District Special Election, an official Certification of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Best Regards,

EDGARDO CORTÉS,
Commissioner.

**SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
DONALD W. NORCROSS, OF NEW
JERSEY, AS A MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE**

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman

from New Jersey, the Honorable DONALD W. NORCROSS, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

**SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
ALMA S. ADAMS, OF NORTH
CAROLINA, AS A MEMBER OF
THE HOUSE**

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from North Carolina, the Honorable ALMA S. ADAMS, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

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**SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
DAVE BRAT, OF VIRGINIA, AS A
MEMBER OF THE HOUSE**

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Virginia, the Honorable DAVE BRAT, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect please present themselves in the well.

Mr. NORCROSS of New Jersey, Ms. ADAMS of North Carolina, and Mr. BRAT of Virginia appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now Members of the 113th Congress.

**WELCOMING THE HONORABLE
DONALD W. NORCROSS TO THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and welcome our new colleague to the New Jersey delegation, Congressman DONALD NORCROSS. Now, let me tell you that you will all learn to love DONALD NORCROSS the way I have.

He comes from a union background, and he is a fighter. He always fights for the little guy. He also is bipartisan. He wants to work with the Republican side to get legislation passed, as he did in the State senate, and he has the reputation in the State senate, where we chaired one of the committees, of actually passing legislation.

I just want you to get to know him well. As I said, you will learn to love him. He will be a great Congressman, and you will learn over the next few years how effective he can be.

Congratulations again, DONALD.

I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO).

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I join in with congratulations to DONALD NORCROSS. I have known DONALD for a number of years as a State legislator, and before that, we worked together at a local level.

DONALD will always put his constituents first. He will always put his district first. He will be a great asset to this Congress, and I look forward to working with you, DONALD. Congratulations.

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, Leader PELOSI, Congressman PALLONE, and certainly Congressman LOBIONDO and my colleagues from New Jersey. The young man who is standing next to me is my grandson, Donald III, who did an excellent job; and a special person in my life who allows me and keeps my life in order, my lovely wife, Andrea.

She is up there with my daughter, Corey; my son, Gregory; my son, Donald, Jr.; his wife, Jeanette; and my granddaughter, Natalie. It is great to have you here. And the one person who is truly the leader of my house is my mother, Carol. Hey, Ma.

And many friends, family, and supporters from New Jersey, including my three brothers, George, John, and Phil; and my extended brother, Robert—it is good to have you here.

To my extended family in labor who I have worked closely with over the past 25 years and certainly the supporters and volunteers who have worked with us over the past 10 months, many thanks.

Life always brings us so many twists and turns. You never know where you are going to be. I grew up in the profession as an electrician, and look where we are now, a Member of the House.

This is truly the American Dream, and I am proud to be a part of it, and I look forward to working with all of my colleagues on behalf of this great Nation and the people who live in it. Thank you very much.